



Reef Ranger Conservation Corps Application Packet

Training Session: June 15 – 19, 2015

Mentorship Session: June 22 – 26 or June 29 – July 3, 2015



**WAR IN THE PACIFIC
HISTORICAL PARK**



National Historical Park War in the Pacific

2016
National Park Service
CENTENNIAL

Hafa Adai!

As Superintendent of War in the Pacific National Historical Park, I'm pleased to welcome you to this very special place. At seven sites on land and underwater, this park commemorates the people of World War II and protects and interprets amazing natural and historic resources for all to enjoy. We are pleased to once again offer the Reef Ranger Conservation Corps program to connect youths to some of these sites, serving along scientists and other park experts to help younger students learn about the park. For 9th and 10th graders, joining the Reef Ranger Conservation Corps is an exciting opportunity to experience War in the Pacific National Historical Park!

Yet this is also an exciting time for other national parks across the country. On August 25, 2016, the National Park Service will celebrate its 100th birthday. As we approach the Centennial with renewed energy, our focus will be to "connect with and create the next generation of park visitors, supporters, and advocates." Over the next several months, we will engage youths in a variety of programs and outdoor activities. This Reef Ranger Summer Camp is just one opportunity!

Throughout the day, the Reef Ranger Conservation Corps will discover up-close the amazing marine environments within the park and will help younger campers gain an appreciation and responsibility to care for the island's fragile ecosystems. Moreover, they'll learn important aspects of personal safety and leadership. Spending time in the great outdoors of a national park is often a transformative time, for both the young and old. There's no better place to find out that learning about science can be a blast! We hope this engaging experience will inspire the Reef Ranger Conservation Corps for a lifetime and that within their grasp are future careers in biology, botany, natural resource management, interpretation, education, or in federal service caring for our public lands.

Working together with our non-profit partner, Pacific Historic Parks, we look forward to this upcoming Reef Ranger Summer Camp. Join with us as we engage 5th and 6th graders on Guam to become the valuable caretakers of our invaluable resources!



Sincerely,

Jim Richardson
Superintendent
War in the Pacific National Historical Park

PACIFIC HISTORIC PARKS

★ Remember ★ Honor ★ Understand ★

April 2015

Hafa Adai!

Are you looking for something fun and unique to do outdoors this summer? Would you like to learn and help teach others about our precious coral reefs? Then apply to be a Reef Ranger Conservation Corps in the War in the Pacific National Historical Park's Reef Ranger Summer Camp!

Youth entering their freshman or sophomore year are eligible to apply. The training week of the Reef Ranger Summer Camp will take place from June 15 - 19 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. During this week of leadership training, participants will work alongside park ranger biologists, snorkel, engage in discussions about conservation and stewardship, and go on field trips to gain a greater awareness of the importance of conservation for our community. Reef Ranger Conservation Corps members will also take a CPR/AED & First Aid course.

In the first (June 22 – 26) or second (June 29 – July 3) mentoring week, the Reef Ranger Conservation Corps will serve as camp leaders and mentors for younger campers. These sessions run from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm. Conservation Corps members will promote water safety, support group activities, and be positive role models.

The War in the Pacific National Historical Park will select up to twenty (20) Reef Ranger Conservation Corps members. Qualities needed to be a part of the Reef Ranger Conservation Corps are passion for becoming a steward of the environment, willingness to take on greater responsibilities, and desire for gaining a unique leadership and community service experience.

Participation in the Reef Ranger Summer Camp is absolutely free. Applications can be picked up and submitted at the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center. Application packets can also be downloaded from from www.nps.gov/wapa. Last day to submit completed application packets is 4:00 pm, Sunday, May 24, 2015. Students will be informed of their selection through email by June 10, 2015.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email reefrangers@pacifichistoricparks.org or call the Education Assistant Tanya Taitano Sortor at 671-482-1234 or 671-477-7279, exr. 1015. The War in the Pacific National Historical Park looks forward to working with inspiring and emerging environmental youth leaders!

Sincerely,

Jaclyn Balajadia
Pacific Historic Parks
Education Specialist





Reef Ranger Conservation Corps Application Form: Part I

Please print in ink or type. Before you submit your application, we suggest you make a copy for your own records. Application packets are due on Sunday, May 24, 2015.

Applicant Name (Last, First): _____

T-shirt Size: (Youth) (Adult)
☐ M ☐ L ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL **Bootie Shoe Size:** _____

How many times have you snorkeled in the past year? ☐ 0 (Never) ☐ 2-5 times ☐ 6+ times

How many times have you hiked in the past year? ☐ 0 (Never) ☐ 2-5 times ☐ 6+ times

Grade you will be in September 2015: ☐ 9th ☐ 10th Other: _____

The school you will be attending in September 2015: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

List any extracurricular activities or youth organizations you are associated with:

How did you hear about the Reef Ranger Conservation Corps Summer Camp?



Reef Ranger Conservation Corps Commitment Form: Part II

Please sign to indicate that you can meet the program requirements:

Sign Your Initials:

- _____ I will be present and on time every day of the Reef Ranger Conservation Corps Summer Camp from June 15 - 19 (9:00 am to 4:00 pm) and June 22 - 26 (8:30 am to 3:00 pm) or June 29 – July 3 (8:30 am to 3:00 pm).
- _____ I am willing and able to participate in a safety course for a CPR & First Aid certificate. I understand that the safety course will run from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm during my training week.
- _____ I am willing and able to snorkel in the water while wearing the required life jacket, snorkels, and fins provided by myself or by the National Park Service.
- _____ I am willing and able to assist others snorkeling while wearing the required life jacket, snorkels, and fins provided by myself or by the National Park Service.
- _____ I am willing and able to help others experience the beautiful marine life that surrounds the island of Guam.
- _____ I am looking forward to receiving support and training in planning and implementing projects that create positive change in my community.
- _____ I am willing and able to serve as a positive role model by promoting water safety, behaving in a mature and proper manner at all times, and supporting group activities.
- _____ I am looking forward to working alongside park ranger biologists, engaging in discussions about how to care for the environment, listening to guest speakers, and going on field trips to gain a greater awareness of the importance of conservation for our community.
- _____ I will bring and wear the appropriate clothing on the days designated for snorkeling with other Conservation Corps members or younger Reef Rangers.
- _____ I am willing and able to assist in the cleaning, loading, and unloading of the Reef Ranger Summer Camp snorkel gear and help set up and break down the Reef Ranger canopy.
- _____ I am willing and able to follow through on the tasks and assignments given to me, such as leading the icebreaker games and completing a Leadership Quest.

I acknowledge that the above statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's signature

Date



Reef Ranger Conservation Corps Emergency Contact Form: Part III

Applicant Name (Last, First): _____

Home Address (Street, Number, & Village):

Contact Person #1: _____

Relationship: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Contact Person #2: _____

Relationship: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email address: _____



Reef Ranger Conservation Corps Session Preference Form: Part IV

Applicant Name (Last, First): _____

The National Park Service and Pacific Historic Parks will conduct the Reef Ranger Summer Camp over a period of three weeks. Reef Ranger Conservation Corps will attend two of the sessions:

Session 1: All Reef Ranger Conservation Corps must attend Training Week, which focuses on leadership training. You will attend workshops, and go on field trips to explore the national park and various areas of Guam to gain a better understanding of your environment.

Training Week

June 15 – June 19, 2015

09:00 am – 4:00 pm

* Please note: Reef Ranger Conservation Corps are required to attend a CPR Training course that runs from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm during one of the days of this week.

Session 2: Below are the dates and times of the mentoring sessions. In the event that there is not enough space available in your preferred session, Reef Ranger Camp personnel will contact you about being placed in the other session.

Session 1

June 22 - 26, 2015

08:30 am – 3:00 pm

Session 2

June 29 – July 3, 2015

08:30 am – 3:00 pm

Checkmark one of the following:

- ☐ I prefer to attend Session 1
☐ I prefer to attend Session 2

Optional: Please write down any pertinent information you would like the Reef Ranger Camp personnel to know concerning the week you prefer to attend:

☐ Checkmark the box to indicate that you can be available for both session 1 & 2 if needed



Reef Ranger Conservation Corps Health & Parent Consent Form: Part V

Applicant Name (Last, First): _____

Please be advised that participants will primarily be in an outdoor environment. They will be exposed to the sun for an extended period of time. They will be snorkeling, hiking on uneven terrain, sitting on a tarp under a canopy during sunny or rainy days, and walking along beach areas during a large portion of the time at the camp.

If there are any important health conditions (allergies, medications, etc.) you believe the camp staff should be aware of, write them below. For your safety, this information will only be released to emergency personnel services in the event of an emergency.

I, _____, the guardian or parent of the child listed above, have read and understand the Reef Ranger Conservation Corps Application Packet. My child is fit to participate in physical activities of the camp including but not limited to hiking and snorkeling. I hereby give permission to park staff to photograph, record, video, and/or film my child during the Reef Ranger Conservation Corps program for National Park Service and Pacific Historic Parks media. I hereby grant the National Park Service permission to use my child's likeness in a photograph in any and all publications for Government or nongovernment purposes, including website entries and social media, without payment or any other consideration in perpetuity. I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of the National Park Service and will not be returned.

I hereby give permission to allow my child to participate in the Reef Ranger Conservation Corps Program. I certify that the information filled out on the Reef Ranger Conservation Corps Application Packet is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

VOLUNTEER SERVICE AGREEMENT—NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

1. <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL		2. <input type="checkbox"/> GROUP N/A	
3. NAME OF AGENCY		4. AGREEMENT # N/A	
5. NAME OF VOLUNTEER (First, Last)		6. U.S. CITIZEN OR PERMANENT RESIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, list visa type _____	
7. NAME OF GROUP N/A		8. NAME OF GROUP CONTACT (First, Last) N/A	
9. STREET ADDRESS		10. CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	
11. EMAIL ADDRESS	12. PHONE Home: Mobile:		13. AGE <input type="checkbox"/> Under 15 <input type="checkbox"/> 15 - 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 19 - 25 <input type="checkbox"/> 26 - 35 <input type="checkbox"/> 36 - 54 <input type="checkbox"/> 55 and Older
14. ETHNICITY & RACE (Optional): Please report both ethnicity and race and tell us if you are a veteran or have a disability. Multiracial respondents may select two or more races. This information will inform our understanding of diversity and inclusion among the volunteer force in the natural and cultural resource areas.			
14a. Ethnicity (Select one): <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	14b. Race (Select one or more, regardless of ethnicity): <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		14c. Are you a Veteran? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 14d. Do you have disability? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION			
15. NAME (Last, First)	16. PHONE Home: Mobile:		17. EMAIL ADDRESS
18. STREET ADDRESS	19. CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE		
GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL COMPLETES THIS SECTION			
20. AGENCY CONTACT NAME (Last, First)		21. AGENCY CONTACT EMAIL & PHONE	
22. REIMBURSEMENTS APPROVED: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Type and Rate of Reimbursement:		23. VOLUNTEER POSITION/GROUP PROJECT TITLE:	
24. Description of service to be performed. Provide a brief abstract of volunteer or service activity and the location of the volunteer activity, and attach description of service to be performed. Service description should include details such as time and schedule commitment, use of government vehicle, use of personal equipment and/or vehicle, skills required (note certifications if necessary), level of physical activity required, etc. If this is a group agreement, the leader is to provide the group name and attach a complete list of group participants or optional form 301b for each volunteer.			
VOLUNTEER/SERVICE ACTIVITY ABSTRACT Reef Ranger Conservation Corps: The Reef Ranger Corps are high school volunteers that have been specially trained to serve War in the Pacific National Historical Park as youth mentors and park representatives during park conservation programs and events. Their roles include but are not limited to: accompany and assist the in-water and trail supervisors, promote water and hiking safety, and helping others experience and appreciate the beautiful natural resources of our park and island.			
25. Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Description of service attached <input type="checkbox"/> List of group participants/optional form 301b attached <input type="checkbox"/> Job Hazard Analysis <input type="checkbox"/> Valid Driver's License Verified (if required)			

PARENTAL CONSENT FOR VOLUNTEER UNDER AGE 18		
26. PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN (First, Last)	27. PHONE Home: Mobile:	28. EMAIL ADDRESS
29. STREET ADDRESS	30. CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	
31. I affirm that I am the parent/guardian of the above named volunteer. I understand that the agency volunteer program does not provide compensation, except as otherwise provided by law; and that the service will not confer on the volunteer the status of a Federal employee. I have read the attached description of the service that the volunteer will perform. I give my permission for _____ to participate in the specified volunteer activity. <div style="text-align: center;">(NAME OF YOUTH)</div>		
32. Parent/Guardian Signature		Date
VOLUNTEER AFFIRMATION		
33. I understand that I will not receive any compensation for the above service and that volunteers are NOT considered Federal employees for any purpose other than tort claims and injury compensation. I understand that volunteer service is not creditable for leave accrual or any other employee benefits. I also understand that either the government or I may cancel this agreement at any time by notifying the other party. I understand that my volunteer position may require a reference check, background investigation, and/or a criminal history inquiry in order for me to perform my duties. I understand that all publications, films, slides, videos, artistic or similar endeavors, resulting from my volunteer services as specifically stated in the attached job description, will become the property of the United States, and as such, will be in the public domain and not subject to copyright laws. I understand the health and physical condition requirements for doing the work as described in the job description and at the project location, and certify that the statements I have checked below are true: <input type="checkbox"/> I know of no medical condition or physical limitation that may adversely affect my or members of the group ability to provide this service. If a group see attached OF301b. <input type="checkbox"/> I have a medical condition or physical limitation that may adversely affect my ability to provide this service and have informed the Government Representative. If a member of a group see attached OF301b. <input type="checkbox"/> I do not consent to being photographed or to the release of my photographic image. If a member of a group see attached OF301b. I do hereby volunteer my services as described above, to assist in authorized activities at national park service and I agree to follow all applicable safety guidelines. See attached OF301b attached if a member of a group.		
34. Signature of Volunteer or Group Leader		Date
The above-named agency agrees, while this arrangement is in effect, to provide such materials, equipment, and facilities that are available and needed to perform the service described above, and to consider you as a Federal employee only for the purposes of tort claims, liability and injury compensation to the extent not covered by your volunteer group, if any.		
35. Signature of Government Representative		Date
TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT		
36. Agreement Terminated Date:		Total Hours Completed:
37. Signature of Government Representative:		
PUBLIC BURDEN STATEMENT		
According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0596-0080. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. USDA, DOI, DOC and DOD prohibit discrimination in all programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status. Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.		
PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT		
Collection and use is covered by Privacy Act System of Records OPM/GOVT-1 and USDA/OP-1, and is consistent with the provisions of 5 USC 552a (Privacy Act of 1974), which authorizes acceptance of the information requested on this form. The data will be used to maintain official records of volunteers of the USDA and USDI for the purposes of tort claims and injury compensation. Furnishing this data is voluntary, however if this form is incomplete, enrollment in the program cannot proceed.		



Reef Ranger Conservation Corps Essay: Part VI

Essay Questions

Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper and attach to the application. Before you submit your application, we suggest you make a copy for your own records. Each response should consist of at least a paragraph.

Applications are due on Sunday, May 24, 2015.

1. How can your experience at the Reef Ranger Summer Camp help you achieve your academic and/or personal goals?
2. Being involved in community service is valuable in helping to address the needs of the people of our island. If you were to devote one year of service to a volunteer project on Guam, what would it be and what would you hope to accomplish?
3. Imagine that you have the opportunity to travel back through time. At what point in history would you like to stop and why?
4. The National Park Service's mission is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects for the enjoyment of future generations. What special skills or strengths do you possess that can help support the park's purpose?



Reef Ranger Conservation Corps Camp Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How are the Reef Ranger Conservation Corps selected?

Applicants who demonstrate a passion to become a steward of the environment, willingness to take on greater responsibilities, and a desire for gaining a unique leadership and community service experience will be selected to participate in the Reef Ranger Conservation Corps Camp. Special attention will be given to the student's essay question responses. Up to 20 applicants are chosen each summer. Students will be informed of their selection through email by Wednesday, June 10, 2015.

When is the deadline to turn in the Reef Ranger Conservation Corps Application Packet?

Completed application packets should be submitted by 4:00 pm on Sunday, May 24, 2015. All forms must have the appropriate signatures on them.

Where do I turn in my completed Reef Ranger Application Packet?

They will be accepted at the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center, located near the Naval Base Guam front gate, between the hours of 9 am to 4:30 pm. They are open Monday through Sunday.

Where is check-in and pick-up?

Please refer to the Reef Ranger Summer Camp Daily Schedule for details of each particular session. The Daily Schedule can be downloaded on or after May 24, 2015 at www.nps.gov/wapa.

What if I am NOT entering 9th & 10th grades?

The curriculum is designed and tailored for this specific age group. Therefore applicants entering 9th and 10th grade will be given priority into the program. If the applicant is NOT entering 9th or 10th grade, the Reef Ranger Selection Committee will review their application form only if all 20 spots have not been filled.

Will there be a lifeguard?

Yes. A lifeguard or Master Diver will be on duty on the days that Reef Rangers will be snorkeling in the waters of Asan Beach.

Do I have to turn in a deposit with my application?

No. There is no monetary deposit required in order to submit the application.

What should Reef Ranger Conservation Corps bring?

1. A good attitude ☺
2. Water
3. Pack Lunch
4. Clothes for hot weather (t-shirt & shorts) and tennis shoes
5. Swimsuit, towel, rash guard, and slippers (on days you will be snorkeling)
6. Sun protection: Hat, Sunglasses & Sunscreen
7. Insect repellent
8. Snacks
9. Any necessary medication
10. Optional items to bring: camera, extra slippers, socks, shirt, umbrella

The National Park Service and Pacific Historic Parks will provide you with masks, snorkels, tabbies, fins, and life jackets. However, you are welcome to bring your own personal snorkel gear.

How many hours of community service and / or Service Learning can I earn in the Reef Ranger Conservation Corps Summer Camp?

Participation in your mentorship week will count toward community service credit. During this week, you will promote water safety, support group activities, and serve as positive role models. The total number of community service hours earned is 32.5 hours. Contact Kina Lewis, SL Coordinator for more details at service.learning.doivista@gmail.com.